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The Signal



News UPDATE

Erosion repair delayed at Gate 1

The erosion repair work at Gate 1 has been delayed until Monday, Feb. 3, due to equipment problems.

Road Closure

Roads closures on post are scheduled to occur between Feb. 3 - April 30 according to Glenn Stubblefield, the Directorate of Public Works.

- Feb. 3 - 20:** 8th Avenue behind Brant Hall at the Heating and AC Plant and behind Nelson/Moran Hall
- Feb. 20 - March 5:** 8th Avenue to 25th Street at Dixon Hall
- March 5 - 12:** 24th Street at Back Hall to 25th Street
- March 12 - 26:** 25th Street crossing Barnes Avenue to the Signal Theater
- Feb. 10 - March 15:** 25th Street past the Signal Theater to behind Snyder Dental Clinic

Road closure on Kilbourne Street (Brainard Avenue to S. Rice Road) will be from **Feb. 3 - 17** to allow for installation of the communications duct bank for the new communications facility.

AFAP conference planned

Fort Gordon will host an installation-wide Army Family Action Plan conference **Feb. 26 and 27** at the Reserve Center. The two day conference will provide delegates (active duty, national guard, reserve, retired, DA civilians, contract employees and family members) with an opportunity to address quality of life issues concerning the installation specifically and the Army as a whole.

Training for the conference as follows:

Feb. 4 Facilitator, Recorder, Transcriber and Subject Matter Expert training

Feb. 5 Delegate training

We are currently recruiting for delegates, facilitators, recorders and transcribers.

For more information, call Lynn C. Harshman, Community Readiness director, 791-2820.

Demolition training

The 391st Engineer Battalion of U.S. Reserve, Greenville, S.C., will conduct demolition training with C4 explosives.

The training occurs **today and Saturday**, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The training will be done in Fort Gordon's artillery impact area.

For more information, call 791-5005.

TRADOC assesses initial entry training at FG

2nd Lt. Alicia Dease
15th Regimental Signal Brigade

The 2003-year kicked off with a visit from the Training and Doctrine Command Initial Entry Training Assessment Team Jan. 14 - 16.

The TRADOC team, led by Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, deputy commanding general for IET and commander, U.S. Army Accessions Command, spent three days facilitating focus group discussions, interviewing key leaders/soldiers, and visiting training and training facilities.

The periodic evaluation is done to gauge the quality of training, quality of life and installation support for IET soldiers and to assist Fort Gordon and the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade in identifying issues and problem areas.

The IET team was comprised of 15 key subject matter experts from across TRADOC. Included in the group were the TRADOC Drill



Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, deputy commanding general for IET and commander, U.S. Army Accessions Command.

Sergeant and Instructor of the Year. Areas assessed were general soldier issues, drill sergeant and instructor programs, administration, logistics, engineering, medical, operations and training, legal and chaplain support.

"This was not an in-depth,

soup to nuts inspection of the installation but just a different set of eyes that might see something that needs adjustment," Cavin stated at the outbrief

He also stated that the visit was about standards, leadership and ensuring that IET soldiers across TRADOC are receiving the best training possible. These IET assessment visits have become a learning tool for not only the units inspected but the assessment team as well. The IET assessment team travels to installations gathering "good ideas" and lessons learned in order to pass them on to other units and installations.

Since the last IET assessment visit in February 2001, the 15th RSB and Fort Gordon has improved tremendously in support of IET soldiers. As an example, the team identified the instructor and drill sergeant relationships and the morale throughout the brigade as

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Photos by Marlene Thompson

63rd deploys troops and equipment

Denise Allen
Staff writer

As members of the 63rd Signal Battalion watched the buildup of troops in the Middle East, they knew it was only a matter of time before they'd receive deployment orders.

"I'm relieved," said Spc. George Root of the 63rd, which received official deployment news last week. "It got to where the rest of the time we were just waiting because we might get deployed."

After receiving the news, the battalion went to work on preparing to leave. By week's end, equipment such as tents, camouflage, computers and communications devices were packed.

On Saturday, the battalion's

vehicles went through a final inspection.

"We want to get everything ready for the convoy," said Lt. Col. John Rutt, commander of the 63rd.

The vehicles were checked for leaks and other mechanical problems. Once that was completed, the vehicles were ready to be deployed, said Col. Daniel Gerstein, commander of the 93rd Signal Brigade, of which the 63rd is a part.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Kelly McCargo

Spc. Steven Norton, Co. A, 63rd Sig. Bn., stands by his vehicle at 5:30 a.m. before departing Fort Gordon, Jan. 28.

The convoy was scheduled to leave this week. The convoy would take the equipment to a port, where it would be shipped overseas.

A date has not been set yet for the 63rd, which has more than 400 members, to leave.

Rutt, a veteran of the Gulf War, said he was looking forward to going back to the Persian Gulf area.

"We're ready for this," he said. "We have a talented bunch of soldiers. It's inspiring to watch them. They are well-trained. I look forward to this with anticipation. Most of us joined to soldier."

Others under him share in that enthusiasm to fight against the war on terrorism.

"When it becomes personal, you know what you are doing means something," said Spc. Ryan McDonald, remarking on the significance of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, which thrust the country into the war on terrorism.

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Education Tops Family Action Plan Issues

Harriet Rice
CFSC PAO

Affordable continuing education is a high priority for soldiers and their families, according to the votes of 112 delegates to the 2002 Army Family Action Plan Conference.

In-state tuition for military members headed the list of AFAP's top five issues-ahead of retirement dislocation allowance, selective use of military spouse preference, elimination of time limits to use Montgomery GI Bill benefits and medical coverage for activated reserve-component families.

During the Department of the Army AFAP conference Nov. 18-22 in Alexandria, Va., delegates representing every demographic segment of the Army worked in eight groups addressing 24 issues in areas such as family support, force support, logistical support, employment, entitlements and medical/dental.

Each work group elected a spokesperson to brief out its top three issues at week's end to an audience of senior Army leaders that included Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John M. Keane and his wife, Terry; Mrs. Patty Shinseki, wife of Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Lt. Gen. Roger Schultz, director, Army National Guard, and the conference host, Brig. Gen. Robert L. Decker, commander, U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Aaron Jones, a 16-year old from Fort Eustis and one of six youth delegates, briefed the #1 issue: "In-State Tuition." He explained how having to pay out-of-state tuition causes undue hardship on mobile military families.

"This limits the (educational) choices of someone like me or the next president or the next chief of staff of the Army," Jones said. "We recommend waiving



Courtesy photo

Collection boxes for Army Family Action Plan suggestions are located around post here at Fort Gordon.

out-of-state tuition for family members residing in that state on military orders."

The # 4 issue addressed the 10-year limit for using the Montgomery GI Bill after a soldier's expiration term of service or retirement.

Cyndi Fischer, Fort Belvoir, Va., pointed out that sometimes life events prevent veterans from taking advantage of the MGIB college benefits.

"Veterans and their family may be dependent on full-time employment or there may be other members of the household, such as a spouse or a child, currently pursuing their dreams," Fischer said, "thereby making it a very cost-prohibitive option during the first 10 years following ETS or retirement."

Citing the MGIB as an aid to recruitment and an enhancement of the nation's competitiveness with a more educated workforce, Fischer put forth her group's recommendation to eliminate the 10-year expiration date.

Help for retirees was the focus of the #2 issue: "Retiree Dislocation Allowance." Pointing out that service members incur

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Relocation of Darling Hall ATM

Strategic Management Office

Due to the implementation of new force protection measures at Darling Hall, First Union has agreed to relocate the ATM located on the corner of Chamberlain and Rice Avenues to ease access.

The new site is on Barnes Avenue — across from Darling Hall. This location has a pull-off area that will allow vehicles to park safely while using the ATM. It still places the machine within easy access for our student, permanent party, and civilian personnel located near the the east end of Barton Field.

The machine will remain a walk-up ATM. Vehicular traffic will not be allowed directly in front of the machine.

Service to the ATM

will be discontinued on Feb. 4 while the machine is relocated to the new site. It will be connected and tested on Feb. 5 and will again be operational on Feb. 6.

Customers are encouraged to use one of First Union's other ATMs on post during this transition period. ATMs are located at the Main Post Exchange, Eisenhower Army Medical Center, next to the Signal Theater and the Bingo Palace. The on-post bank has a drive-up ATM and one inside the facility.



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the same kinds of relocation expenses whether they retire or make a permanent change of station, Barbara Willey of Fort Myer, Va., spoke from her own recent retirement move experience.

In addition to the normal expenses incurred during a move, “often a service member retiring is still seeking employment, so there are additional financial burdens,” she said, adding, “We just feel it’s one more way that we can say ‘thank you’ to a retiring service member and his or her family.”

The group’s recommendation to authorize and fund retirement dislocation allowance would mean changing current law.

Issue # 3 was “Selective Use of Military Spouse Preference” briefed by Ginny Quirin, Fort McCoy, Wis. The intent of the MSP was to assist spouses in their career progression, not just to get a job, she said. But sometimes a spouse takes the first job available in order to boost the family income after a permanent change-of-station move, Quirin explained, and that job may not be in the spouse’s career field.

If another position opens that is, the spouse has already invoked the MSP and cannot invoke it again at that installation. The recommendation is that spouses be authorized to select the job series and grade for which they want to invoke the MSP.

“Medical Coverage for Activated Reserve-Component Families” was the fifth issue. West Point’s Debbie McDonald described how reservists have difficulty retaining their civilian health insurance for their families because the premiums become prohibitively expensive.

As a result, soldiers switch to Tricare, “and, in some cases, the Tricare system does not provide all the (medical) coverage the family needs,” said McDonald, adding although waivers are possible, they take a while to obtain, potentially interrupting crucial treatment. The work group recommended establishing a civilian healthcare allowance for activated RC soldiers to offset the increased premiums to their existing coverage.

After all the issues were briefed, delegates voted for the top five from the conference, the six most critical active AFAP issues and the most valuable community services.

“This has been a terrific conference. Those issues are real; they are serious,” Keane told

attendees. Those compelling issues that do not require resources, we’ll do something about quickly. Those that require resources, we’ll have to study them. Those that require policy changes and do not require resources, we’ll change the policy.

There is no single activity in the United States Army that produces more results on behalf of soldiers and family members than AFAP, not just at this conference, but at the installation and major Army command levels, and we reap the benefits of what this team has done, ‘ he said.

Youth delegate Jones testified to reaping AFAP benefits. “The one where if I’m a senior I can stay. My mother was getting ready to move and because of that I get to stay and graduate.”

He was referring to an AFAP issue that resulted in new personnel guidance that allows soldiers to request stabilization if they have a family member who’s a junior in high school.

For first-time AFAP attendee Michael Austin, spouse of an enlisted soldier from Fort Jackson, S.C., it was a learning experience. “It’s been totally awesome. I’ve learned a lot about the Army. I’ve learned they do care and even though they’re putting soldiers out front to protect us, (senior leaders) are also concerned about the family member and retirees that are left behind.

Sgt. Norma Klein, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers president at Fort Stewart, Ga., echoed those sentiments. “(Our leaders) do care what happens down in the trenches. When you’re there, you don’t think they do, but up here, I’ve learned otherwise. They’re totally for the soldier.”

The AFAP grassroots process has identified issues affecting soldiers’ and families’ lives to the senior leadership level since 1983. AFAP is a family support program of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

Fort Gordon’s annual installation-wide conference is scheduled for Feb. 26 and 27. There are still slots for delegates available.

Training will be conducted prior to the conference to ensure everyone has an understanding of what is expected of them during the two-day conference.

For additional information on the AFAP process, or to register as a conference delegate, call Lynn Harshman at 791-3880 or via email at harshmal@gordon.army.mil.



Photo by Marlene Thompson

Audie Murphy Induction

Command Sgt. Maj. McKinley Curtis III, commandant, Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy, receives a congratulatory handshake from Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, Audie Murphy Club Induction

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“I was hoping it wouldn’t come to this - that there’d be more peace talks, but I’m glad I’m part of this,” said Spc. Waymon Killion.

With their equipment ready, the next step is to get the personal affairs of the individual soldiers prepared. They will need to make sure their wills and powers of attorney are up-to-date as well as ensuring that their immunization records are current.

Family members have a part in the deployment process as well, according to 1st Sgt. Jacqueline Thomas.

“We let them know ‘You are taken care of even if your husband or wife is deployed,’” she said.

Support groups are in place to help answer the questions to the daily concerns that arise when a loved one is deployed.

Many of the spouses and families who live on post are remaining on post at least for the time, Thomas said.

“A lot of them are going to stay here because they’ve got kids in school,” she said.

They don’t want to pull them out of school in the middle of

the year.

“Many will stay until we come back,” she said.

When the 63rd leaves, it

“When it becomes personal, you know what you are doing means something,” said Spc. Ryan McDonald, remarking on the significance of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, which thrust the country into the war on terrorism.

won’t be the only unit from Fort Gordon positioned in the Middle East. Members of the 513th Military Intelligence Brigade have been deployed there since before Thanksgiving, according to Marla Jones, deputy public affairs officer.

There is no word yet on the 67th Signal Battalion, which is also a part of the 93rd Signal Brigade; however, Gerstein said the unit is on an alert.

Sgt. Lisa Halvorson: NCO of the Year

Spc. Zoe Morris
News editor

Sgt. Lisa Halvorson has been in the Army three years this February but has accomplished more than many people who have been in longer.

Halvorson, the operations noncommissioned officer for Company A, 63rd Signal Battalion, shot her way up from Company NCO of the Quarter to Fort Gordon NCO of the Year, which she won in December 2002.

Winning boards didn't come easy for Halvorson in the beginning, though she did get an early start.

"My first experience (at a board) was a bomb," she said. "That was in AIT. They asked me to go to the soldier of the month board - I guess they saw potential. And I bombed. It was so horrible.

"But the funny thing about that is the drill sergeant who took me to the board, I went up against him on the Newgarden/Morris board and beat him. That was funny - kind of ironic."

Once she got her footing, though, she had it under control. Halvorson said she studied a lot. As a mother of two (a son and



Halvorson

infant daughter) and wife to another soldier, her favorite times to study, she said, were at night and on the weekends.

"I studied in the field a lot, too," Halvorson. "It was hard, but my husband helped me study, 'cause he understood. I mainly did it at night or during the weekends, but especially in the field. That is really good study time."

As the board levels got higher, she said, the questions didn't get much harder.

"The questions got more specific, and the answers they wanted got more specific, but as far as the subjects, they were mainly all the same," Halvorson said. "I just kept studying, kept training and kept doing my correspondence courses."

The boards themselves and correspondence courses count towards winning the board, but other things factor in, too.

"I have the (Physical Training) patch," Halvorson said. "And I just went to the range and shot a 40 out of 40."

Halvorson is not perfect,

though.

"Not being so nervous was my biggest obstacle," she said. "(I had to) get control; figure out what my stress level was and get calm. I guess that was what the biggest factor was - my nerves."

"But I realized (the board members) were people too and they went through the same thing I went through. They made me comfortable. "When you go to the board," Halvorson said, "they're not trying to hurt you; they're trying to help you."

And Halvorson tries to help soldiers, she said.

"I think to be a good NCO you've got to be empathetic, know your soldiers and have a lot of patience. You also need understanding, and, of course, knowledge is part of it," she said. "Open yourself up to a lot of avenues for knowledge. Someone can always tell you something you don't know. Listen to everybody. Gain knowledge any way you can - from books, training and talking to people."

Halvorson's quest for knowledge led her to get a degree in communications, which she wants to use to become an officer. She reports to officer candidate school March 16.

"That was my goal when I ini-

tially came in," she said. "But I went enlisted to get this side of it."

She said she thinks being an enlisted soldier will help her be a better officer, because she gets to know both sides. But before leaving the enlisted side, Halvorson made sure she excelled as a soldier.

The prestige of holding the title is not the only good thing about winning the board.

"(Since becoming the NCO of the Year), I've met all kind of cool people," she said. "I got to meet (Secretary of the Army) Tom White - I got a coin from him. I got to meet Brig. Gen. (Jan) Hicks (commander, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon) and Mag. Gen. (Pat) Cavanaugh (former commander, USASCFG), and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilly. We talked for a long time. He's a really, really nice man.

"Plus there were the gifts from everybody."

Halvorson said she thinks going to boards is a good idea.

"I think it should be everybody's goal to be better or do better," she said. "If you're going to stay in the Army, definitely (go for the boards). Definitely have that under your belt, Audie Murphy under your belt, anything. Always go for above the standard."

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being significantly improved. Three areas were highlighted as being the "best in TRADOC": the 15th RSB Organization Inspection Program, the establishment and use of Army Knowledge Online accounts by the IET soldiers, and the Drill Sergeant Life Cycle Program. Overall, the assessment team attributed the improvements to the excellent command climate throughout the brigade and the installation.

In addition to the improvements in programs and morale, the assessment team recognized several individuals across Fort Gordon as "heroes". These heroes included personnel from the 15th RSB, garrison and the medical community.

Pvt. 1st Class Timothy Cambra, an IET soldier and platoon guide in Company B, 369th Sig. Bn., was recognized with a coin of excellence from Cavin for outstanding leadership and initiative in supervising his peers. Drill Sergeants: Daniel Stewart, Company E, 447th Sig. Bn.; Lauren Drew, Company B, 73rd Ord Bn.; Laroy Liner, Company C, 551st Sig Bn; and Shaffer Clark, Company B, 447th Sig. Bn., were recognized for their outstanding leadership and contribution to soldier development.

Soldiers recognized from the medical community included Spc. Neonta Williams, Preventive Medicine and Spc. Suzanne Marshall, Connelly Clinic. From garrison, Norman Stanfford, CIF Contractor, Harold Black, Directorate of Public Works - work orders;

Natine McCauley TMP; Camellia Lee, Post Laundry, Sandra Huffman, Adjutant General; and Jeanette Crews. Student MILPO-ATRRS were recognized for their extraordinary contributions in support of IET soldiers.

This year's visit identified several areas for the installation and the brigade to focus on during the coming weeks: standardizing the implementation of TRADOC Regulation 350-6, the governing manual for IET, across the 15th RSB, Table of Distribution and Allowances, dining facility and barracks maintenance, and no-shows for medical appointments.

An area of special interest to Cavin is physical training. TRADOC is currently identifying several initiatives designed to reduce the number of injuries to IET soldiers. The general intends to do this by ensuring that running programs focus more on time, not distance, while still conducting events in accordance with FM 21-20, PT manual. He wants to ensure that the focus is on Army Physical Fitness Test pass rates and not on APFT scores. Finally, he stressed the need to ensure that all IET soldiers have properly fitting running shoes.

The visit proved to be very productive for the installation, the 15th RSB, and the IET assessment team. The major goal of the visit was to assist.

Cavin personally made every effort to ensure that he heard all concerns and issues raised during the focus group discussions and individual interviews.

With a phone call Cavin was able to assist many IET soldiers who have dependents still residing back in their hometown. Specifically, IET soldiers were drawing Basic Allowance for Housing at the "Fort Gordon" rate, even if their families lived in high cost areas like Miami or Washington, D.C. Soldiers will now draw BAH based on their family's current location.

At the out-brief, Brig. Gen. Jan Hicks, commanding general, U.S. Army Signal Center and Fort Gordon, summed up the visit by saying, "This has

been a great opportunity to learn how well we are performing in IET. We thank the IET assessment team for taking a hard look at us."

Hicks stated that the 15th RSB and the installation did a good job and indicated that we will look at the issues identified as a "stepping stone" to improvement.

"We will roll up our sleeves and work hard to improve the quality of life and training for the Initial Entry Training soldier," Hicks added.

JAG Blotter

This is the JAG blotter entry from our most recent court martial.

A private first class from the 551st Signal Battalion was convicted on Jan. 14, 2003, of one count of rape and one count of house-breaking. The private first class received a dishonorable discharge, was reduced to E-1, and will serve seven years of confinement at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Editor's note: *Information provided by Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Fort Gordon, GA 30905. (791-5153.)*

Interested in becoming an Army physician assistant or nurse?

USAREC to brief the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program and the Army Enlisted Commissioning Program at EAMC.

US Army Recruiting Command

The U.S. Army is looking for qualified soldiers to attend the Interservice Physician Assistant Program at the Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This is an intensive two-year course of study. Graduates of the course receive a commission as a second lieutenant, and a master's degree from the University of Nebraska. Physician assistants are important members of the AMEDD healthcare team and provide a broad range of medical services traditionally performed by physicians.

They are the primary medical provider to soldiers in battalion and division level units and may also provide garrison healthcare to soldiers, family members and other eligible beneficiaries.

The Army PA has served the nation in all conflicts and peace-keeping missions since the Vietnam War.

The Army trains approximately 50 soldiers a year beside candidates from the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard, and U.S. Public Health Service. Candidates attend the AMEDD Center and School for the classroom portion of the program.

Courses range from anatomy and physiology to surgery and orthopedics. During a year of clinical training at selected Army hospitals, the candidates participate in clinical rotations in such areas as surgery, pediatrics, and dermatology.

Applicants must be enlisted soldiers, commissioned or warrant officers with a minimum of three years time in service. Other eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to; a GT score of 110 or greater, 60 semester hours of post secondary school education of which 30 hours must include six hours of English, six hours of humanities, six hours of chemistry, six hours of anatomy and physiology, three hours of algebra, and three hours of psychology.

Applications for this program are accepted until April 30 of each year and are reviewed by a board in July of each year. Complete application procedures are found in AR 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, and in the yearly message update to the regulation found on the website <http://healthcare.goarmy.com/docs/paqual3.htm>.

Capt. Ronald A. Carden, PAC, Interservice Physician Assistant Program manager, will give briefings on the Interservice Physician Assistant Program and the Army Medical Department Enlisted Commissioning Program at Eisenhower Army Medical Center, Feb. 13. Briefings will take place in Classroom 24 on 11C of Eisenhower Army Medical Center at 2 -3:30 p.m..

For additional information regarding the briefings, call Ann Dedonato at 787-7620 at the hospital training and education branch.

Local Army education centers can also assist applicants with procedures. If you are unable to attend the briefings, questions can be directed to the program manager Carden at DSN 536-0386, commercial 502-626-0386, toll free 800-223-3735 extension 60386, or email ipap@usarec.army.mil.

The AMEDD Enlisted Commissioning Program will also be discussed at the briefing. This program supports enlisted soldiers to earn a degree in nursing and earn a commission in the Army Nurse Corps. AEC

P is open to all enlisted personnel regardless of MOS.

The program has approximately 125 enlisted soldiers currently enrolled in colleges and universities around the country who are completing their bachelor of science degree in nursing.

“The program is still growing, at this time, and we want to get the word out to interested soldiers. The more soldiers who apply to this program, the more seats we can request be funded,” said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Bradshaw, AEC

P Program manager. Interested soldiers must be able to enter a BSN program at an accredited college or university and complete their nursing degree within 24 calendar months.

The program funds tuition up to \$3,000 per semester or \$2,250 per quarter. AEC

P offers many benefits to the soldier while enrolled in the program. Soldiers continue to receive full pay and entitlements plus a \$1,000 per year stipend to pay for books and school necessities.

The tuition is funded by the Army and is paid directly to the school. Upon graduation from the BSN program, the soldier will attend the AMEDD Officer's Basic Course where you will receive a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps. The application deadline will be in December 2003 for the selection board that convenes in January 2004.

Interested soldiers should go to the Army's website: GOARMY.com and review the AEC

P Program guidelines. For information and packet preparation assistance, applicants are encouraged to contact their local Army Education Center. An additional contact is Sgt. 1st Charles Bradshaw, AEC

P Program Manager. His email address is AEC@usarec.army.mil or call DSN 536-0381, commercial 800-223-3735 extension 60381.

Retiree notes

Concurrent receipts: special pay for disabled veterans

Richard T. Lechnir
Retirement Services Officer

I have received a lot of calls recently requesting information on the new Department of Defense Authorization Act which grants special pay for certain disabled retirees more commonly referred to as Concurrent Receipt.

Below is an excerpt from the December issue of the *Army Echoes* for all to read on this matter:

“DoD Authorization Act grants special pay for certain disabled retirees. A special payment to certain disabled retirees has been made law in the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003.

Military retirees receiving Veterans Affairs disability pay have their retired pay reduced by the amount of the VA disability pay.

Early versions of the authorization bill granted partial or full concurrent receipt; however, the reduction remains in the Authorization Act passed by Congress and signed by the President on

Dec. 2, 2002.

The new law does award special compensation to military retirees whose disability resulted from a combat injury or wound for which they were awarded the Purple Heart.

The law also awards special compensation to military retirees who are rated at least 60 percent disabled because of armed combat, hazardous duty, duty under conditions simulating war or through an instrumentality of war. Under the new law, DoD would be authorized to make special payments ranging from approximately \$103 to \$2,160.

The payment cannot be greater than the monthly reduction to retired pay. Military retirees with 60 percent or greater disability granted within four years of retirement who are receiving special payments authorized in the two previous Defense Authorization Acts must choose which compensation to receive if they're eligible for both.

The effective date of the Combat-Related Special Compensation

will be announced by DoD no later than May 31.

It's anticipated that payments would be applied to June entitlements, payable in July.”

According to the *Army Times* dated Jan. 20, this authorization act put an end to the dollar-for-dollar offset only for about 30,000 retirees whose injury resulted as stated above. This change leaves the offset intact for about 600,000 other disabled retirees who are already pressing for full concurrent receipt of both benefits for all retirees with service-connected injuries.

The final policy and guidelines have not yet been laid out so it is still too early to tell how or by whom these special payments will be made according to recent conversations with both Defense Finance and Accounting Service and the VA.

Everyone affected by this new authorization act should remain patient until final rules are in place hopefully, sometime between now and the May 31 as stated in the December issue of *Army Echoes*.

Viewpoint

Information, Opinions, and Commentary

Hang up and *DRIVE!*

The use of cellular phones has skyrocketed in recent years, with more than 117 million subscribers in the United States as of July 1, 2001. This increase has been accompanied by an increase in the number of individuals concurrently driving and talking on the cell phone. Recent estimates suggest that cell phone users spend 60 percent of their cell phone time while driving. The precise effects of cell phone use on public safety are unknown; however, because of the possible increase in risks associated with the use of cell phones while driving, several legislative efforts have been made to restrict cell phone use on the road. In most cases, the legislation regarding cell phones and driving makes the tacit assumption that the source of any interference from cell phone use is due to peripheral factors such as dialing and holding the phone while conversing. Among other things, our research evaluates the validity of this assumption.

Prior research has established that the manual manipulation of equipment (e.g., dialing the phone, answering the phone, etc.) has a negative impact on driving. However, the effects of the phone *conversation* on driving are not as well understood, despite the fact that the duration of a typical phone conversation may be up to two orders of magnitude greater than the time required to dial or answer the phone. One study found that simple conversations did not adversely affect the ability to maintain road position. On the other hand, studies have found that working memory tasks, mental arithmetic tasks and reasoning tasks disrupt simulated driving performance.

Our research focused on the cell phone conversation, because it comprises the bulk of the time engaged in this dual-task pairing. We sought to determine the extent to which cell phone conversations interfere with driving and, if so, the precise nature of the interference. In particular, the "peripheral interferences" hypothesis attributes interference from cell phones to peripheral factors such as holding the phone while conversing. By contrast, the "attentional hypothesis" attributes interference to the diversion of attention from driving to the phone conversation itself. The study described here is part of a larger research project that will be detailed in a forthcoming issue of *Psychological Science*.

This study was designed to contrast the effects of hand-held and hands-free cell phone conversations on responses to traffic signals in a simulated driving task. We also included control groups who either listened to the radio or listened to a book on tape while performing the simulated driving task. As study participants performed the simulated driving task, occasional red and green lights were flashed on the computer display. If SPs saw a green light, they were instructed to continue as normal. However, if a red light was presented they were to make a braking response as quickly as possible. This manipulation was included to determine how quickly subjects could react to the red light as well as to determine the likelihood of detecting these simulated traffic signals.

Sixty-four study participants (32 male, 32 female undergraduate students), who had normal or corrected-to-normal vision and perfect color vision, were randomly assigned to one of the radio control, book-on-tape control, hand-held cell phone, or hands-free cell phone groups. SPs performed a pursuit tracking task in which they used a joystick to maneuver the cursor on a computer display to keep it aligned as closely as possible to a moving target. The target flashed red or green and SPs were instructed to press a "brake button" located in the thumb position on top of the joystick as rapidly as possible when they detected the red light. Red and green lights were presented in an unpredictable order. An experimental session consisted of three phases: (a) a warm-up interval that lasted 7 minutes, (b) two single-task segments each lasting 7.5 minutes that immediately preceded and then followed the dual-task third phase, and (c) a dual-task segment that lasted 15 minutes. The dual-task condition required the SPs to engage in a conversation with a confederate (or listen to a radio broadcast of their choosing or a book on tape) while concurrently performing the tracking task. The confederate's task was to facilitate the conversation and also to ensure that the subject listened and spoke in approximately equal proportions

during the dual-task portions of the experiment.

A preliminary analysis of detection rates and reaction times to traffic signals indicated that there were no differences between hands-free and hand-held cell phone groups. Neither were there differences between radio control and book-on-tape control groups. Therefore, the data were aggregated to form a 2 (Group: Cell Phone vs. Control) x 2 (Task: Single vs. Dual) factorial design. The tables present the probability of missing simulated traffic signals. Overall, miss rates were low; however, the probability of a miss significantly increased when subjects were engaged in conversations on the cell phone, $F(1,31)=8.8$, $p<0.01$. By contrast, the difference between single and dual-task conditions was not reliable for the control group, $F(1,31)=0.9$, $p>0.36$. Analysis of the data revealed that subjects in the cell phone group responded slower to simulated traffic signals while engaged in conversation on the cell phone, $F(1,31)=29.8$, $p<0.01$. There again was no indication of a dual-task decrement for the control group.

Probability (standard deviation) of missing simulated traffic signals in single and dual-task conditions for the cell phone and control groups.

	Single-Task	Dual-Task
Cell Phone	0.028 (.05)	0.070 (.09)
Control	0.027 (.04)	0.034 (.04)

Mean (standard deviation) reaction time for simulated traffic signals in single and dual task conditions for the cell phone and control groups.

	Single-Task	Dual-Task
Cell Phone	534 (67)	585 (90)
Control	543 (65)	533 (65)

These data demonstrate that the phone conversation itself resulted in significant slowing in the response to simulated traffic signals, as well as an increase in the likelihood of missing these signals. Moreover, the fact that hand-held and hands-free cell phones resulted in equivalent dual-task deficits indicates that the interference was not due to peripheral factors such as holding the phone while conversing. These findings also rule out interpretations that attribute the deficits associated with a cell phone conversation to simply attending to verbal material, because dual-task deficits were not observed in the book-on-tape control. Active engagement in the cell phone conversation appears to be necessary to produce the observed dual-task interference.

The principal findings for this experiment are that: (a) SPs that engaged in cell phone conversations missed twice as many simulated traffic signals as when they were not talking on the cell phone, (b) SPs took longer to react to those signals that they did detect, and (c) these deficits were equivalent for both hand-held and hands-free cell phone users.

In sum, we found that conversing on either a hand-held or hands-free cell phone led to significant decrements in simulated driving performance. We suggest that the cellular phone use disrupts performance by diverting attention to an engaging cognitive context other than the one immediately associated with driving.

Our data suggest that legislative initiatives that restrict hand-held devices but permit hands-free devices are not likely to reduce interference from the phone *conversation*, because the interference is, in this case, due to central attentional processes.

Editor's note: *The above information was compiled from the following website: <http://www.nsc.org/library/shelf/ininCELL.htm>.*

Cell phones and driving more dangerous than drinking and driving

Dear Editor:

With the current climate towards drinking and driving, particularly in the military services, I wonder would a person willingly and openly use something that could cause their reaction time to be 10 to 20 percent slower than a legally drunk driver. In early 2002, I read an article discussing research conducted in Great Britain by that country's Board of Insurance and Safety. The results of that research showed that a person talking on a handheld cell phone,

while driving, had a reaction time that was "20 percent slower than a drunk driver." This same research showed that a person using a cell phone with a headset was "10 percent slower."

I myself have personally experienced and witnessed two examples of this 20 percent loss of reaction time.

In November of 1999, while crossing the street in the crosswalk at the intersection of Chamberlain Avenue and Rice Road on Fort Gordon, a young soldier was driving in the left turn lane, but did not come to a stop at the red light

until the vehicle was straddling center of the entire width of the crosswalk.

Had I been but less than ten feet further into the crosswalk, the driver of that vehicle would have been responsible for my wife and two children living their lives without a husband and father.

The young soldier was talking on her cell phone and failed to see the red light or me in the crosswalk!

In January of 2000, just two months later, at the same intersection I witnessed a similar incident where an NCO was driving a vehicle

and moving into the turning lane failed to stop at the red light.

The NCO did not come to a complete dead stop until the vehicle's rear tires were on the outside border line of the crosswalk.

He was busy talking on his cell phone.

Knowing what I know, again, I ask people would you use something that could cause your reaction time to be 10 to 20 percent slower than a legally drunk driver?

Ray Minze
Retired Staff Sgt.

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Feedback

Cadet Josh Piecynski

What did you think of the State of the Union Address?



"I thought it was very good. He expressed himself well and was very persuasive."

Jean Ridgill
Family member



"He was straight and to the point when talking about income tax refund."

Sgt. 1st Class James Spencer
Company A, 447th Signal Battalion



"I thought it was great. I think we need more commitments from Congress to back our president."

Rory Calhoun
Civilian contractor



"I liked it, especially when he said we're not going to be pushed around."

George Lackey
Retired military



"I like President Bush, so I was impressed with what he said. My husband's in the Army, so I hope he takes care of all the soldiers."

Dena Collins
Family member

212 ways to be a Soldier



Photos by Spc. Ryan Matson

(Above) Sgt. Shawna Lucas, 35th Military Police Detachment, hands a record to another MP. The administrative section of the police station maintains and processes all tickets and case records on post. Last year, the MPs responded to 1,795 cases and issued 2,800 tickets.

(Below left) Pvt. Jared Cunningham shreds some old material. If a fact in a case must be corrected, the old case must be destroyed.

(Below right) Sgt. Lucas Worthy stands in front of a mountain of cases, all from 2002.



A day in the life of...a 95B (military police - administrative section)

Note: This is the 24th MOS featured in the series describing all of the 212 Army careers. This is part five of seven featuring this MOS, with the others to come in following weeks.

Spc. Ryan Matson
Staff writer

As in most places handling legal matters, the Fort Gordon military police station handles a myriad of paperwork and records.

Sgt. Lucas Worthy is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the administrative section of the 35th Military Police Detachment at Fort Gordon. It is his job to keep track of all the cases that are handled on post.

“It’s kind of a unique situation at this military police station, because we’re one of the only stations that have military personnel working in the administrative section of a station,” Worthy said, adding that on many posts this job is performed by civilians.

He went on to describe his duties as an administrative military policeman.

“I check all the cases and make sure they’re correct as far as spelling and grammar and that all the data that has been collected has been put in appropriately,” Worthy said.

After he has checked the cases over and processed them, Worthy said they are sent out to the commander.

“We then record and track the commander’s actions as well as sending them to criminal records,” he said. “In civilian cases, we send those to the Staff Judge Advocate where they go to court.”

Worthy said all tickets issued on post are also handled in the administrative section of the station.

He said the 1408 tickets, which are the ones issued to military personnel are handled by commanders, while the 1805 civilian tickets and family member tickets are sent to JAG and the state of Georgia for action to be taken there.

License revocations and suspensions records are also maintained in his section, Worthy said. A list of these violators is constantly updated and posted, he said.

“Cases are initially plugged into the Pentagon computer system, kept

here for two years, before they go to the records holding on post for another four,” he said.

The cases are put into the Pentagon web page at **pentagonmp.mil** under the Centralized Operations Police Suite section where all military criminal cases are stored, Worthy said.

“If you’re in the military and commit a crime or are even in something small like a traffic accident, it will go into the COPS system where it will be there pretty much forever,” Worthy said. “It’s a new system we just started using.”

While working in this area may not sound like the most glamorous part of military police work, keeping accurate criminal records is a vital necessity, and Worthy, who has also worked as a patrol supervisor, said working in this area has its benefits.

“As far as an MP is concerned, family time is often hard to get, and with me being in the administrative section, it helps out a lot,” Worthy said.

“It’s more of a 9 to 5 type job, and I can see more of my family. I have two other soldiers who work in here who are single parents, and working here helps them out.”

Don’t let thieves steal your name

The national observation of Consumer Awareness Week is the first week of February. ACSs theme is “Identity Theft.”

Lanny Valentine
Army Community Service

Identity theft. It’s one of the fastest growing crimes in the country, and it can strike you without your knowledge. By the time you find out what is happening, the nightmare of consequences has already started.

Typically, identity thieves use your personal information to obtain credit in your name, or to make charges to existing accounts. Once your information has been compromised, the damage continues until you discover the fraud.

So how do crooks get your information, and how can you foil their attempts?

Your social security number is the “key” to your identity. In combination with your name and address, your social security number may allow thieves to open new credit accounts in your name, obtain your credit report, open bank accounts, get a driver’s license, or even apply for a job using your name.

You should never carry your social security card unless necessary. Do not put your social security number on a check. Never give your number to anyone who calls on the phone and asks for it.

If your state uses your social security number on your driver’s license, ask to use a different number instead. Make sure that employers and others who have your number are safeguarding that information properly.

Remember, a compromised credit card can be cancelled, but your social security number is permanent. Keep it to yourself!

Credit and debit card numbers can easily be copied from receipts, statements, or other documents. A thief doesn’t need the actual card to make purchases online or by phone and have them shipped to a different address.

Be suspicious if a merchant takes your card out of your sight. This is common practice in restaurants, but should be frowned upon otherwise. An employee can easily copy your card information and use it later.

Always destroy any carbons or extra copies of credit card transactions. If someone calls claiming to have your credit card information, and they want you to give them the information again “for verification,” be very suspicious. Carry only the cards that you actually use. Destroy any unused cards and close the accounts. If you need PIN numbers, memorize them.

Before using your credit or debit card to purchase online, check for information security.

Any page that requests credit card numbers should have “https” or “shttp” in the address line rather than “http.” Look at the bottom of your computer screen for a symbol such as a lock that closes, or maybe a broken key that becomes whole. Do not include credit card information in emails, as email is not very secure.

Also, “fake” web businesses have been created solely for the purpose of obtaining credit card information. You will not get the merchandise you paid for, and the “cyber crook” will have your credit card information to use until you discover the theft. Recently, an enterprising crook created a near duplicate of the popular eBay auction site, then emailed eBay customers and asked them to sub-

mit their financial information to the fake site.

Your regular mail, both incoming and outgoing, is a great source of information for the modern information thief. Do not put bill payments in your mailbox for pickup; take them to a drop box or post office for mailing. Your incoming bank statements may contain enough information to start a new account in your name. Just one of your cancelled checks may give a thief enough information to start unauthorized “demand drafts” from your checking account without your knowledge.

Remove mail from your mailbox promptly, and if out of town stop your mail or have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail. You may want to consider a secure mailbox, with a

slot for depositing mail and a key for removing it.

Have new checks delivered to your bank, and pick them up there. If bank statements, new credit cards or ATM cards, or other personal financial documents do not arrive on time, investigate immediately.

- Guard calling card numbers closely. If using a public telephone, screen the keypad while dialing to prevent theft of the number and PIN.
- Keep a list of all credit cards, the account numbers, and phone numbers to call if the card is lost or stolen.
- Shred unwanted credit card offers before throwing them away.

Do not use your mother’s maiden name as a password. Make up a name.

Army Community Service

• Review your credit report at least once a year. Look for accounts that you didn’t open, or unexpected inquiries about your credit.

• Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who calls and asks for it. Legitimate businesses will not ask for such information on the phone.

• Do not use your mother’s maiden name as a password. Make up a name.

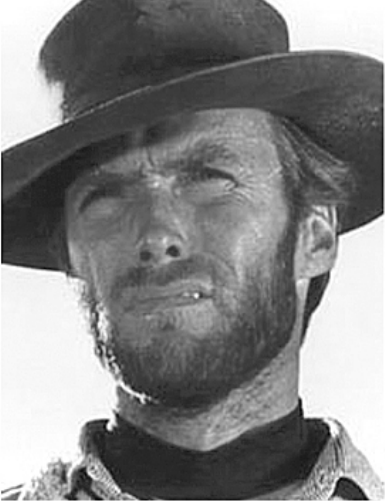
• Unless making a purchase, do not give your credit card information to anyone. There is no legitimate need to use that information to prove your identity, to verify your age, or to claim a prize.

Identity theft can be a nightmare if it happens to you. Federal law may limit your liability, but restoring your reputation may be a long and time-consuming process.


Safeguard your personal and financial information.

If you believe you have had your good name “stolen,” take immediate steps.

Call Army Community Service at 791-3579 for more information.




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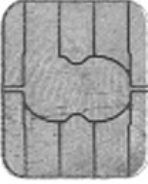
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Quarterly awards honor excellence



Pfc. Sheldon J. Hansen,
Service Member of the
Quarter, First Quarter,
Fiscal Year 2003



Sgt. Joshua M. Carr,
Noncommissioned Officer
of the First Quarter, Fiscal
Year 2003



**Staff Sgt. Calmese Jordan
Jr., Instructor of the 1st
Quarter, Fiscal Year 2003**



Linda J. Appletoft,
Civilian of the Quarter, 1st
Quarter, Fiscal Year 2003



Sgt. Demetrius L. Dowell,
Volunteer of the Month for
October 2002



Kathy Harrison-Bryant,
Volunteer of the Month for
November 2002

Service Member of the Quarter

The Service Member of the Quarter is Pfc. Sheldon J. Hansen, Company A, 551st Signal Battalion. Hansen is a chaplain's assistant, who currently works in the Installation Chaplain's Office as an administrative clerk.

Besides performing regular administrative duties, he prepares all award packets, ensures the building is maintained and drives for the center chaplain.

He hopes his work experience will provide a good foundation to help obtain his career goal of becoming the Regimental Sergeant Major of the Chaplain Corps.

A native of Bakersfield, Calif. Hansen joined the Army two years ago to serve his country and to share his knowledge of Jesus with fellow service members. He spends his spare time serving the Lord, snowboarding and repairing cars. He also enjoys spending time with his wife Makayla and son Jeremiah.

Noncommissioned Officer of the First Quarter

Sgt. Joshua M. Carr is the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter of fiscal year 2003. Assigned to the 252nd Signal Company, Carr installs, operates and maintains mobile subscriber equipment communications for troops deployed throughout Central and South America and the Caribbean. He provides secure and nonsecure Internet connectivity and video teleconference capabilities.

A native of Cumming, Ga., he joined the Army three years ago because he wanted to serve his country in an honorable profession and to obtain financial assistance for college.

He attends Georgia Military College and is working towards a bachelor's degree in business management.

He strives to better himself spiritually, physically and mentally by attending church, weightlifting and reading leadership books.

His favorite quote is from President Calvin Coolidge, who said, "No person was ever honored for what he received. Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

This quote helped him make the Commandant's List at the Primary Leadership Development Course and will help him succeed in his military career.

Instructor of the Quarter

Staff Sgt. Calmese Jordan Jr. is the Instructor of the Quarter for first quarter of fiscal year 2003. Jordan serves as a small group leader and instructor assigned to the Regimental Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

He teaches students the technical aspects of the Microwave Satellite Maintainer/Repairer Course. He successfully

mentored and graduated over 100 Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course students during the past 18 months.

A native of Chicago, Jordan joined the Army to obtain a skill and to improve himself in all aspects of life. When he isn't on the platform himself, he can be found attending classes at Southern Illinois University, where he will graduate this May with a bachelor's of science degree in electronics management technology.

He is already making plans to continue his education and obtain his master's degree in electronics management at the University of Maryland. For relaxation, he likes to play basketball and roller skate. Jordan has a 3-year old daughter, Jasmine.

Volunteer of the Month for October

Sgt. Demetrius L. Dowell is the Volunteer of the Month for October. He is assigned to the 116th Military Intelligence Group as a personnel service specialist.

In his off-duty time, he volunteers as the president of the Better Opportunities for Single Service Members Committee and as the BOSS representative for his unit. Because of his efforts, the Fort Gordon BOSS program was selected at the 2002 BOSS Conference as the "best" installation among all other installations with the same size single soldier population.

On behalf of BOSS, he planned a trip to Disney World, coordinated visits of soldiers to the VA Hospital, executed the first "supermarket sweep" at the Commissary and initiated the weekly tabletop gaming events, among a long list of other projects he undertook.

Dowell's volunteerism also extends outside the BOSS Program. He volunteers with the Harris Family Life Center on Monday and Friday nights, mentoring to the youth.

Because of his dedicated service, he was subsequently named the center's Volunteer of the Year. He also volunteers at Youth Services, Augusta Weed and Seed and coaches a unit football team.

Noncommissioned Officer of the first quarter

The Civilian of the Quarter for 1st Quarter of fiscal year 2003 is Linda J. Appletoft, who worked in the 551st Signal Battalion since July 1981 until her recent retirement on Jan. 3.

Appletoft worked for the federal government for 23 years, spending 22 of those years at Fort Gordon. As a military personnel clerk, she took care of the administrative needs of service members when they both came and left the Fort Gordon.

She ensured the duty status of each service member was accurately reported into an au-



**Judi H. Pitts, Volunteer for
the Month of December 2002**

tomated accounting system and tracked the positions the service members held in the unit, among many other responsibilities.

Appletoft enjoys gardening, cooking and reading, and now that she will have additional free time, she plans to start volunteering and traveling.

Her husband of 36 years, Alvin, works at the 15th Regimental Signal Brigade, and they have two sons, Michael and Kirk.

Appletoft feels she had the best job possible, taking care of 551st Signal Battalion soldiers. She said being able to have a job you love makes going to work enjoyable and is like having an extended family.

Volunteer of the Month for November

Kathy Harrison-Bryant is the Volunteer of the Month for November 2002. A native of Tallahassee, Harrison-Bryant has volunteered with Army Community Service's Exceptional Family Member Program for nine months.

She put her bachelor of science degree in computer science to good use by providing hands-on computer training to military spouses to assist in improving employment skills.

She also prepares lesson plans, maintains records of attendees and their evaluation sheets, evaluates performance, prepares the students for future testing and tutors those who require additional assistance.

She also tutors Youth Challenge Academy students with completion of their general education diploma. Her prior volunteer experience includes Habitat for Humanities, Meals on Wheels and Girl Scouts. Harrison-Bryant enjoys spending time with her husband, Sgt 1st Class Charlie Bryant who is assigned to Company A, 369th Signal Battalion, and their three children – Charles, Kori and Quinicka.

Volunteer of the Month for December

The Volunteer for the Month of December 2002 is Judi H.

WWJD?

Chaplain (Maj.) Michael Riddle
15th Regimental Signal Brigade
Chaplain

A couple of years ago WWJD cloth bracelets were in vogue. They came in a sundry of colors. They were appearing everywhere. They were really popular with young people. I know my two teenagers wore them as most every youth at our church.

Even some celebrities and sports figures wore them. Before his untimely death the professional golfer, Payne Stewart, wore his WWJD bracelet, even during professional golf tournaments. A reporter once asked him at the U.S. Open what the letters meant and why he wore it.

Stewart told him that it was a public witness to his faith and a reminder to do what's right. You do know what WWJD is an acronym for? Don't you? It means, "What would Jesus do?"

Let me tell you a little story with that question in mind. Once a man fell into a hole in the middle of town. Try as he could, he simply could not get out.

A coach came by and was later heard telling his team, "Let's win one for the man in the hole."

A teacher came by and told

the man five ways people fall into holes and seven ways one can avoid doing so.

A school principal came by and asked the man what he was doing so close to the hole that had led to his falling in?

A preacher came by and preached quite a good sermon on how sin causes us to fall into holes.

A Sunday school teacher came by and asked the man if he could attend church as soon as he got out of the hole?

A counselor came by and asked him exactly how he fell in and how others had fallen into holes?

A lawyer came by and asked the man whose hole it was and explained to him his legal options.

A doctor came by and lowered a prescription and a bill into the hole.

A nurse came by and provided medicine and bandages.

A city councilman came by and apologized, and told the man that he had voted not to put the hole where it was and that he would try and get money to fix the hole.

A policeman came by and suggested putting up a sign to warn people of the hole.

A committee chairman came by and took notes. Soon there were shrubs and flowers placed around the

hole.

A volunteer at the local mission came by and lowered clothes and food down into the hole.

A soldier came by and asked the man if he would share his foxhole.

One day Jesus came by, reached down His hand, and pulled the man out of the hole.

I wonder, "Who really helped this man who had fallen into the hole?"

We talk a lot in the Army about values and doing the right thing. What is the right thing? St. Paul, the Apostle, I believe answers that for us. In his Epistle to the Philippians, Chapter 2, verses 4-5, he says, "Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus."

There are a lot of people who have fallen on hard times—personally, professionally, financially, spiritually—and into a hole, as it were. Some of them are people we know personally. What would you have done for the man who had fallen in a hole? I hope that we would have done what Jesus did—given him a hand and pulled him out! That's what he really needed! WWJD?

Marriage Workshop offered

The Marriage Workshop entitled "More Than I've Ever Wanted in a Marriage" is a day of ambiance and romance with an educational swing.

The workshop focuses on communication for couples and families, utilizing materials from John Gottman, Ph.D., and the Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program. Chaplain (Maj.) Richard J. Bendorf, director, Chaplain Family Life Center, facilitates this interesting one-day workshop.

The workshop is FREE. Come join us for the workshop and lunch (pay as you go through the lunch line).

Make a date with us:

**Feb. 25
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Magnolia
Room
Gordon Club**

For more information and RSVP by Feb. 21, call 791-3579.

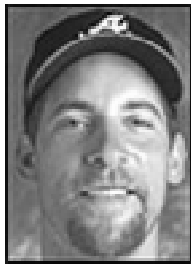
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Pitts, who volunteers at the Officers' Wives' Club Thrift Shop and Christmas House. Pitts volunteered for more than 31 years on military installations, 11 years on Fort Gordon. At the Thrift Shop, she accepts incoming donations, separating, pricing and displaying the items on the sales floor. She also helps out in other areas by running errands, working at the consignment desk and decorating the shop.

With Christmas House, she helps prepare the facility for the mountain of toys that are collected by cleaning and decorating the building. Her volunteer supervisor reported that Pitts spreads good will and joy wherever she goes.

She also volunteers with her church and an inner city ministry. A resident of North Augusta, Pitts enjoys shopping for antiques, reading, cooking, crafting, gardening and house cleaning. Personal goals are to continue in good health and to always help others. She and her husband William have three children – Melody, David and Teresa.

John Smoltz to speak at National Prayer Breakfast 6:30 a.m. Feb. 5



John Smoltz

The speaker will be John Smoltz, pitcher, representing the Atlanta Braves National League Baseball Club.

Tickets are available from each unit's Unit Ministry Team. There is no set admission charge, though recommended donations are \$3 for sergeant and below, and \$5 for all others. For more information, call the Installation Chaplain's Office at 791-4683.



Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

68 pints for the win

Company D, 447th Signal Battalion won the Kendrick Memorial Blood Center trophy for the month of December 2002. Each month the trophy is presented to

the unit donating the most pints of blood or with the highest percentage of donors. Co. D soldiers donated 68 pints of blood during their drive. Accepting the trophy is Commander Capt. Herb Thompson (second from right.)

Want your unit to hold a blood drive and take a shot at winning the trophy?

Call Erin Hamblin at Kendrick Memorial Blood Center, 787-1014.

Blood drives can be arranged for any unit or group on post.



Army News Photo

Zoom! - Driver Jerry Nadeau poses with the #01 MB2 Motorsports , US Army Sponsored Pontiac to be driven on the NASCAR Winston Series for 2003.

Enemy killed in firefight

Army News Service

BAGRAM, Afghanistan - In a joint effort, soldiers, airmen and coalition forces killed 18 enemy personnel after a small group of U.S. Special Forces came under fire last night.

A small group of U.S. Special Forces was clearing a compound with support from Afghan militia forces when they came under small arms fire Jan. 27, at 11 p.m.

Coalition forces returned fire, killing one, wounding one and detaining a third. The detainee informed the Special Forces that approximately 80 armed men were located several kilometers north in their vicinity.

After the information was verified, Army helicopters fired on the enemy forces, who were located near a series of caves, and a quick reaction force from the 82nd Airborne Division was launched. Close air support was provided by Army Apaches, U.S. Air Force Bombers, an USAF AC130 Gunship and coalition F16s, officials said.

Enemy forces were engaged throughout the night and the action continues, officials said. At least 18 enemy have been killed and no coalition casualties have been reported, officials added.

Community Events

Tax time

The Tax Center on post is open. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Staff Judge Advocate Office, Building 29718 on the first floor.

The center will be for tax preparation on the following Saturdays and training holidays: **Saturday, Feb. 14, March 1, March 29 and April 5**, 8 a.m. to noon.

Documents required are W2s, power of attorney, 1099 (INT, DIV, MISC etc.), Social Security Cards and documents for tax reductions and exemptions.

For more information, call your unit tax advisor or Sgt. Lisa Gary at 791-7883.

AFAP conference planned

Fort Gordon will host an installation-wide Army Family Action Plan conference **Feb. 26 and 27** at the Reserve Center. The two day conference will provide delegates (active duty, national guard, reserve, retired, DA civilians, contract employees and family members) with an opportunity to address quality of life issues concerning the installation specifically and the Army as a whole.

Training for the conference as follows:

Tuesday Facilitator, Recorder, Transcriber and Subject Matter Expert training.

Wednesday Delegate training.

We are currently recruiting for delegates, facilitators, recorders and transcribers.

For more information, call Lynn C. Harshman, Community Readiness director, 791-2820.

Education center

Effective **Monday** the operating hours of the Education and Career Development Division will be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday 7 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Jim Zills at 791-7797.

“Sweetheart Ball”

Fort Gordon Sergeants Major Association will hold its annual Valentine's Day Sweetheart Ball **Feb. 14**, in the Gordon Club at 6:30 p.m.

Ticket cost for E- 6 and below is \$20 per person, E- 7 and above and civilians will be \$25 per person.

Dress is semi-formal and the general public is invited.

For more information or tickets, call your command sergeant major for tickets or one of the following: Sgt. Maj. Donna Thames at thamesd@gordon.army.mil or 791-1574; Sgt. Maj. Alfred Simmons at simmons@gordon.army.mil or 791-7985; or Sgt. Maj. Bobbie Ramthal at ramtahab@gordon.army.mil or 791-3111.

AFTB

Family members new to military life are invited to attend the Army Family Team Building Level One spouse seminar. Level One training will be offered with Part I scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon on **Feb. 12** and Part II on **Feb. 13** in Building

40705. Pre-registration is required.

Part I topics will include Family and Military Expectations, Impact of the Mission on Family Life, Introduction to Military and Civilian Community Resources, Benefits, Entitlements and Compensation, and Supporting Your Children's Education.

Part II topics include Military Terms, Acronyms, Customs and Courtesies, Chain of Command and Chain of Concern, and Basic Problem Solving.

For more information or registration, call 791-3880 or 791-3579 or email Lynn Harshman at harshmal@gordon.army.mil.

Black History Month

African-American Black History Month is **Feb. 1 - 28** and will recognize the accomplishments and achievements of African-Americans.

This year's theme is “The Souls of Black Folk: Centennial Reflections.” The program will be held in Alexander Hall, **Feb. 24** at 1:30 p.m.

For more information, call Sgt 1st Class Gregory Pair at 791-2014/6657.

Retention training

The Department of the Army Mobile Retention Training Team from Fort Jackson, will conduct retention training for company and battalion level retention noncommissioned officers **Feb. 18 - 21**. The training will be conducted each day from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. at the Gordon Club.

Attendance is mandatory for all company and battalion reenlistment noncommissioned officers. All brigade, battalion and group career counselors are points of contact for their units.

The post retention office is available for any units that do not have access to a career counselor and can be reached at 791-7387/4725.

OWC scholarship

The Officers' Wives' Club is offering scholarships for those eligible. Applications are available for all those holding a military I.D. card.

Applications have been sent to counselors at all high schools and colleges and may also be picked up at the Education Center, Community Life Center and Thrift Shop.

Deadline for submission is **March 1**.

For more information, call Diana Plowman at 228-4271.

Oratorical Contest

Scholarships and awards are being offered by Blacks In Government to young people who compete in a nationwide contest enhancing their communications skills.

Students will compete locally, regionally and nationally to present the best oration on the topic, “Web Enabling the African American Community.”

The contest is open to students in grades nine through twelve. Schools, community and fraternal groups are urged to provide contestants.

Applications are available in the Guidance Office of all area high schools.

Deadline for applications is **Feb. 14**.

For more information call the Greater Augusta Area Chapter Blacks in Government Contest Chairperson, Thomas A. Brown Jr. at 706-736-0778.

Life learning classes

Several classes are offered at the Life Learning Center. Classes are open to veterans and the general public at no cost.

Feb. 13 at 2:30 p.m. - “Pain Treatment-Part 2, the MAN approach: movement, aromatherapy, nutraceuticals.” Class will cover non-drug approaches to pain management. It will discuss movement, activity, exercise and essential oils (in the air, on the body, taken internally). Minerals, vitamins and herbs in treating pain will also be covered.

Feb. 27 at 2:30 p.m. - “Defeating Self-defeating Thoughts.” Class will look at feelings, thoughts (self-talk) and behavior. You will be able to identify your own self-defeating thoughts.

For more information, location or to register for any of these classes, call 731-7275, Ext. 7989.

Kettle Creek

The Georgia Society and the Samuel Elbert Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution will celebrate the 224th anniversary of the Revolutionary War Battle of Kettle Creek on **Feb. 8**.

The service will begin at 2 p.m. and will feature the 434th U.S. Army Band, an Honor Guard from the Ceremonial Detachment, Fort

Gordon, Greene County High School Air Force JROTC unit, and the award winning Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard, dressed in Revolutionary War uniforms.

For more information, call Col. George Thurmond at 770-475-1463.

Recognition

Fort Gordon Public Affairs office is looking for service members and civilian employees to feature in the *Augusta Chronicle's* weekly supplement, “Fort Gordon Neighbors.”

The individual will be featured in the Fort Profile section of the paper, which consists of a photo and information about the person and their contributions to the post.

Nominations can come from the commander, executive officer or command sergeant major of a battalion or its equivalent. Candidates can be a company's soldier of the month, quarter, etc. or anyone deemed worthy.

Duty section submissions should come from the individual's supervisor. If the individual is in the military, the battalion commander or executive officer must approve the submission.

Tenant units on post should submit through their Public Affairs office or representative.

Submission deadline is close of business, **Feb. 11**. Photo and interview session with the *Augusta Chronicle* will be held **Feb. 13** at 8 a.m. in the Signal Corps Museum, Conrad Hall, Building 29807.

Nominations can be sent by email to: holmesw@gordon.army.mil, fax at 791-2061 or through distribution.

For more information, call Henry Holmes at 791-5139.

Community Events

Warrant officer recruiting

The Army's warrant officer recruiting team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox will present briefings on opportunities to become warrant officers.

The briefings will be in Olmstead Hall on **Feb. 18** at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and **Feb. 19** at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

For more information visit www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/warrant.htm, or call Chief Warrant Officer 5 Pete Hewitt at 791-5771.

Civilian of the quarter nominations

Nominations for the Fort Gordon Civilian of the Quarter for the quarter ending March 31 must be submitted by close of business **March 17**.

The narrative should not exceed two pages. Nominations will be for GS 5-8, NA 8-15, NL 8-13, NS 6-11, WG 5-7, WL 4-6, WS 1-2 and NF 2-3.

Send the nomination to DHR, via e-mail, reidm@gordon.army.mil.

For more information, call Mary Reid at 791-3840.

EWC monthly meetings

The Fort Gordon Enlisted Wives' Club monthly meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the 4th **Wednesday** of each month in Building 40705, 41st Street. Everyone is welcome, including civilian employees working at Fort Gordon.

The Annual Membership Drive will be held **March 26**, in honor of Women's History Month.

For more information call Linda Holden, 854-9387 or Rosemary Marshall, 791-2675.

OWC dinner and a movie

Fort Gordon Officers' Wives' Club presents 'Dinner and a Movie' **Feb 11**, 6:30 p.m. -9 p.m. in the Magnolia Room, Gordon Club

The feature presentation is "Someone Like You" and dinner choices include chicken crepes or beef stroganoff. Tickets cost \$11 for members and their guests.

For more information and reservations call Connie Hook 869-8231 or Ann Iwancio 863-9789 by **Feb. 5**.

Dinner theatre

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre will offer a Valentine's deal **Feb. 14**. The special includes a rose, candy, dinner and the highly acclaimed comedy-thriller - "When The Reaper Calls" - all for general admission prices. The general public cost \$30, seniors 65 and over and civilian personnel \$28. Showtime is 8 pm (dinner served at 7 pm).

Additional show dates are **Feb. 15, 21, 22, 27, 28 and March 1**. Patrons may opt to see the show without dinner for \$10 with reservations through the box office. Active duty military E7 and

below may enjoy performances and dinner for \$17

However, \$10 and \$17 tickets will not be available on Valentine's Day.

For reservations or additional information, call the Box Office at 793-8552 or visit fortgordon.com.

The Fort Gordon Dinner Theatre is located on 3rd Ave, Building 32100.

All patrons must have a photo I.D. for admission to the installation.

FAP

Family Advocacy Program is offering a parenting series 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the following dates: **Feb. 3** - building your child's self-esteem; **Feb. 10** - appropriate discipline and **Feb. 24** - fun activities for families.

For more information, visit ACS office in Darling Hall, Room 367 or call 791-0794.

Green to gold

The University of Florida is

actively recruiting for enrollment in the green to gold program.

Join the Simultaneous Membership Program through the Army National Guard/ Reserve. Become an Army officer, earn a degree and use your G.I. Bill in doing so.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Josh Darling 352-392-2769.

Women's History Month

The command program for "Women's History Month" is **March 13**, at 1:30 p.m. in Alexander Hall. The guest speaker for the program is Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army Reserve, Command Sgt. Maj. Michele S. Jones.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 791-2014/6455.

School yard: Scholarship assistance

The following are a few tips to help students find the financial aid they need.

1. Prioritize efforts, beginning with the federal government. Explore the private sector for additional financial aid and programs. Visit web sites to locate the private sector financial aid for which you can apply.
2. Contact each school to explore the financial aid possibilities. Write to the school's financial aid office as soon as you apply for admission.
3. File income tax returns early. Information from income taxes are needed complete financial aid applications.
4. Get to know your financial aid administrator. They will be valuable if questions arise later in the year.
5. Apply for financial aid even if you think you will not qualify for federal aid. Being rejected for federal aid is sometimes a prerequisite for private awards. Some schools require that you fill out their own financial aid application as well as a profile

Visit the School Liaison Services web site www.gordon.army.mil/liasvc for information on scholarships available for military dependent students.

Fort Gordon Report

The next "Army Newswatch" will began airing on **Feb. 3** including stories about:

- Deployments from Fort Hood
- Training in Kuwait and Chile
- The All American Bowl

The "Fort Gordon Report" and "Army Newswatch" alternate weeks on *Charter Cable Channel 13*: Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 a.m., 12 p.m., 5 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:30 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

You can catch the "Fort Gordon Report" on *Comcast Cable Channel 66* on: Mondays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 9 p.m., Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

The next "Fort Gordon Report" will begin airing **Feb. 10**.

The "Fort Gordon Report" is the Signal Center's official television news program and is produced on post by the Fort Gordon Public Affairs Office and the Training and Support Center.

Watch the "Fort Gordon Report" for the stories that matter in your community and throughout your Army!

Sports & Leisure

Sports UPDATE

Become a USSSA Sports Official

The United States Specialty Sports Association is looking for certified sports officials. USSA offers free training for men and women with good pay and flexible hours available. Classes start soon. To sign up contact SFC (Ret.) Donald Capitosti at 738-0723.

Smoltz appearance sold out

The National Prayer Breakfast featuring Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz at Fort Gordon on **Feb. 5** at the Gordon Club on 19th Street at 6:30 a.m. is sold out.

Ladies golf schedule

Thursdays are ladies golf days at Gordon Lakes Golf Course. Tee time is 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call Pauline Blandeburgo at 863-3747.

Rowers wanted

The Augusta Rowing Club is looking for new members.

Rowers can participate on one, two, four or eight-person crews. Male, female and co-ed crews are available.

The club practices **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at **6 p.m.** and **Saturdays** at **8 a.m.** No rowing experience is necessary, as "Learn to row" classes are offered.

For more information, call Tim Jannik at 803-278-0003.

Paintball games

Paintball enthusiasts can enjoy paintball every **Saturday** and **Sunday** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Fort Gordon Paintball Field on the Old Center Golf Course.

The cost to play is \$10 per person, which includes safety gear, paintball gun and 100 rounds of paintballs. Long pants, long sleeve shirts and sturdy shoes must be worn at all times.

For more information, call Rory Calhoun of Flying Colors Paintball at 294-8677.

Blue Angel Marathon

Naval Air Station Pensacola will host the 20th annual Blue Angel Marathon and 5K Run, **Feb. 22**. The marathon serves as a qualifier for the 2003 Boston Marathon and will begin at 7 a.m. followed by the Half-Marathon and 5K run.

The "official marathon" of the U.S. Navy is open to military and civilian individuals and teams. The course is 26.2 miles of flat to rolling terrain, clearly marked with aid stations every two miles

For 24-hour on-line registration, access: **www.sign-me-up.sports.com**. To download an application access: **www.mwr-pcola.navy.mil**

For more information, contact NAS Pensacola, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department at 850-452-3806, ext 340.

New and improved



Photo by Spc. Ryan Matson

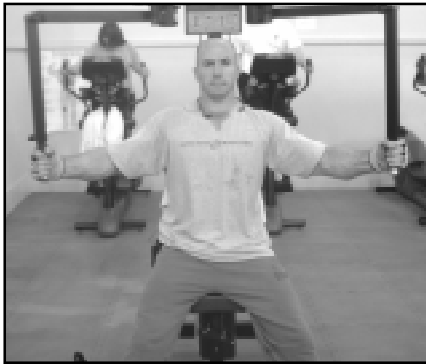


Photo by YCA Cadet Josh Pieczynski

Most of the new equipment was added to Gym 6 (above left) and Gym 3. (Above center) Gunnery Sgt. Garritt Duncan, Marine Detachment, works on a new pectoral machine. Staff Sgt. Natasha Harmon (above right), works out on another new piece of equipment. (Below) Some of the \$356,000 of new equipment purchased so far include a wide variety of free weights.



Photo by YCA Cadet Josh Pieczynski

Spc. Ryan Matson

Staff writer

Cadet Josh Pieczynski

Youth Challenge Academy

Out with the old, in with the new.

That's the theme when it comes to exercise equipment at the six gyms on post.

Approximately 130 pieces of new fitness equipment were added at four gyms (3, 4, 5 and 6) over the months of December and early January, Bill Wren, chief of Sports and Recreation Division, said. The equipment was ordered in September and arrived in October and November, he added.

The total cost of the new equipment purchased was \$356,000 Wren said. The money spent on the new equipment came from funds leftover at the end of the 2002 fiscal year.

Wren described the changes that have been made to the gyms on post.

"We totally replaced all the equipment in Gym 6," Wren said. "All the equipment, with the exception of ten pieces which will be added later this year, were replaced in Gym 3."

Three major brands of fitness equipment were added to the post, Wren said. He said the new equipment purchased was mainly Bodymaster, Hammerstrength and Nautilus. These machines are used for strength training, he said.

"We also replaced the cardio equipment, the treadmills, cross-trainers, exercise

bikes, life steps, so we've got a full complement of strength and cardio machines," Wren said.

The brands of equipment purchased was chosen because they were leading manufacturers in strength and cardiovascular equipment, Wren said.

"They're just good brands," Wren said. "I've been out here in the sports and fitness business for 23 years, so I know what people were asking for, even though you can't please everybody. These brands have good service policies through their companies. If something breaks, they usually send a service representative out within a day or two."

More equipment is scheduled to be added to the six main gyms on post, hopefully by the start of summer, Wren said. He said an additional \$171,000 will be spent to add the final ten pieces of equipment to Gym 3, as well as new equipment for Gyms 4 and 5.

He said the equipment in Gym 5 had been replaced two years ago, so it was not as urgent an issue there as in the other gyms.

Wren said the feedback on the new equipment is 95-percent positive.

Several people echoed his sentiments.

"I love it, it's 100 percent better," Lula Ray, the manager of Gym 3 where 14 pieces of Hammerstrength equipment were added, as well as new weights, incline, decline and flat benches. "The atmosphere

is a lot more warm, and more people are coming."

People interviewed at Gym 6 also seemed pleased with the changes.

"When I got here I was disappointed and thought a training post would have better equipment," Staff Sgt. Natasha Harmon, 249th General Hospital, said, then added, "The new equipment is a big improvement, I use it a lot and I'm very happy (with the upgrade)."

Wren offered several reasons as to why the gym equipment on post was upgraded.

First, he said the equipment was simply outdated.

"It was long time coming," Wren said. "What we had was functional but not up-to-date with modern trends. Some of the equipment was 20-years-old."

The changes were also prompted by commanders acting under feedback from gym patrons, Wren said.

"Our garrison commander, Colonel (Robert) Henderson, contacted me and we've always had this need for equipment through our customer comment cards," Wren said. "We get a lot of comments both positive and negative and that was one of the items we've been looking at for years, 'When are we getting new equipment?' It was primarily Col. Henderson and our commanding general and our director of Community Activities Tim Green working together to make it happen."

Although the majority of new exercise equipment added to post went to Gyms 3, 4, 5 and 6, Wren said new equipment was also added to the Signal Towers male and female exercise rooms.

Additional mirrors will be added to weight rooms in the summer and televisions and VCRs will be added for more people doing aerobic conditioning.

He added plans are in the works to also develop a workout room in Darling Hall.

The room will feature six new pieces of Nautilus equipment to work all the major muscle groups of the body, Wren said.

The improvements are an on-going quest for completely modern fitness facilities on post, Wren said.

"Our goal is 100 percent changeover," he said.



Photo by YCA Cadet Josh Pieczynski

Fort Gordon Sportsman's Club 3-D Archery Tournament Results Jan. 25

Cubs 8 and under

1st Place Dakota Yarbrough 76

Youth 12-14

1st Place Kyle Johns 110

2nd Place Jesse Landrum 77

Young adult 15-17

1st Place Tanner White 138

Ladies traditional

1st Place Kemberly Younts 101

Traditional

1st Place Charles Watkins 117

Barebow compound

1st Place George Stephey 90

Hunters class

1st Place Casey Crawley 202

2nd Place John Samford 196

3rd Place Charles Smith 192

Mens open

1st Place Grant matherly 218

2nd Place Ray Fitzgerald 214

3rd Place Chris Rodwell 208

2003 Basketball Statistics

RED DIVISION

1st - 235
1st - HHC-447
2nd - HHC-63
3rd - A-63
4th - HHC-67
4th - 518
5th - B-67
6th - HHC-93
7th - B-63
7th - A-67
8th - C-67

WOMEN'S DIVISION

1st - USAG
2nd - D-447
3rd - GRSOC
4th - HQ/A-442
5th - DDEAMC
6th - E-369

9-0
12-1
8-2
10-2
8-4
5-7

WHITE DIVISION

1st - HQ/A-551
1st - B-EAMC
2nd - DENTAC
3rd - 252
4th - NMCRC
4th - ANCOC
5th - HHD-116
6th - 31IS (2)

MORNING DIVISION

1st - D-447
2nd - C-369
3rd - C-447
4th - E-447
5th - B-447
6th - E-369
7th - B-551
8th - D-551

8-1
7-1
8-3
5-3
5-4
4-5
3-7
2-7

BLUE DIVISION

1st - BNCOC
2nd - 249
3rd - USAG
4th - NSGA
5th - HQ/A-442
6th - 31IS
7th - 338
8th - A-447
9th - HHC-206

GREEN DIVISION

1st - B-551
2nd - C-369
3rd - D447
4th - B-73
5th - E-369
6th - C-447
7th - E-447

13-0
10-3
9-3
10-4
7-6
5-10
3-10

At the Movies

The Signal Theater is open Thursday-Sunday. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m. The late show on Saturday begins at 9:30 p.m. Children 12 and over and all adults are \$3. Children 6-11 are \$1.50. Children under 5 are free. For movie listings and times, call 791-3982.

Jan. 31 - Feb. 2
Friday - Hot Chick (PG-13)
Saturday - Shang-Hai Knights (PG-13)
Late show - Drumline (PG-13)
Sunday - Shang-Hai Knights (PG-13)

Note: Attendance at Fort Gordon's movie theater is strictly limited to authorized Post Exchange patrons.

Spectrum



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at the Gordon Club



Staff Sgt. William Wilt, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison, cheers as Shania Twain takes the stage during the halftime show. Capt. Consvello Hodges, HHC 93rd Signal Brigade, laughs about the game with the guys at his table.



(Above) Brandon, 1, leans on the shoulder of his father, Pvt. Raymond Avila, Company B, 324th Signal Battalion, next to his mom Alma, while Gwen Stefani of the band, No Doubt, performs during the Super Bowl halftime show, shown on the big screens.



(Left) Lawrence Jackson, Gordon Club general manager, presents Sgt. Micah Merillat, HHC, 15th Signal Brigade, with an X-Box. Merillat won the X-Box in the Super Bowl raffle.



Students, fans cheer at Gordon Club

Spc. Zoe Morris
Staff Writer

Three huge screens, an abundance of food and a rowdy crowd of fans were all present at the Gordon Club's annual Super Bowl party.

Held in the Magnolia Room, the entrance fee was \$7 and offered an all-you-can-eat buffet, a raffle for an X-Box, X-Box games, DVDs and other prizes, and three screens, positioned so everyone could get a good view of the game.

Unfortunately for the few Oakland Raiders fans watching at the club, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers stomped the Raiders 48 - 21.

Many of the spectators were Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Basic Noncommissioned Officer Academy and Signal Officer Basic Course students.

ANCOC class 74B 007-02, who cheered loudest for the Bucs, said they came together as a class, to spend time with each other before graduation. BNCOC class 008-03 also watched the game together.

(Left) ANCOC Class 74B 007-02 students cheer for their team during the Super Bowl party at the Gordon Club.

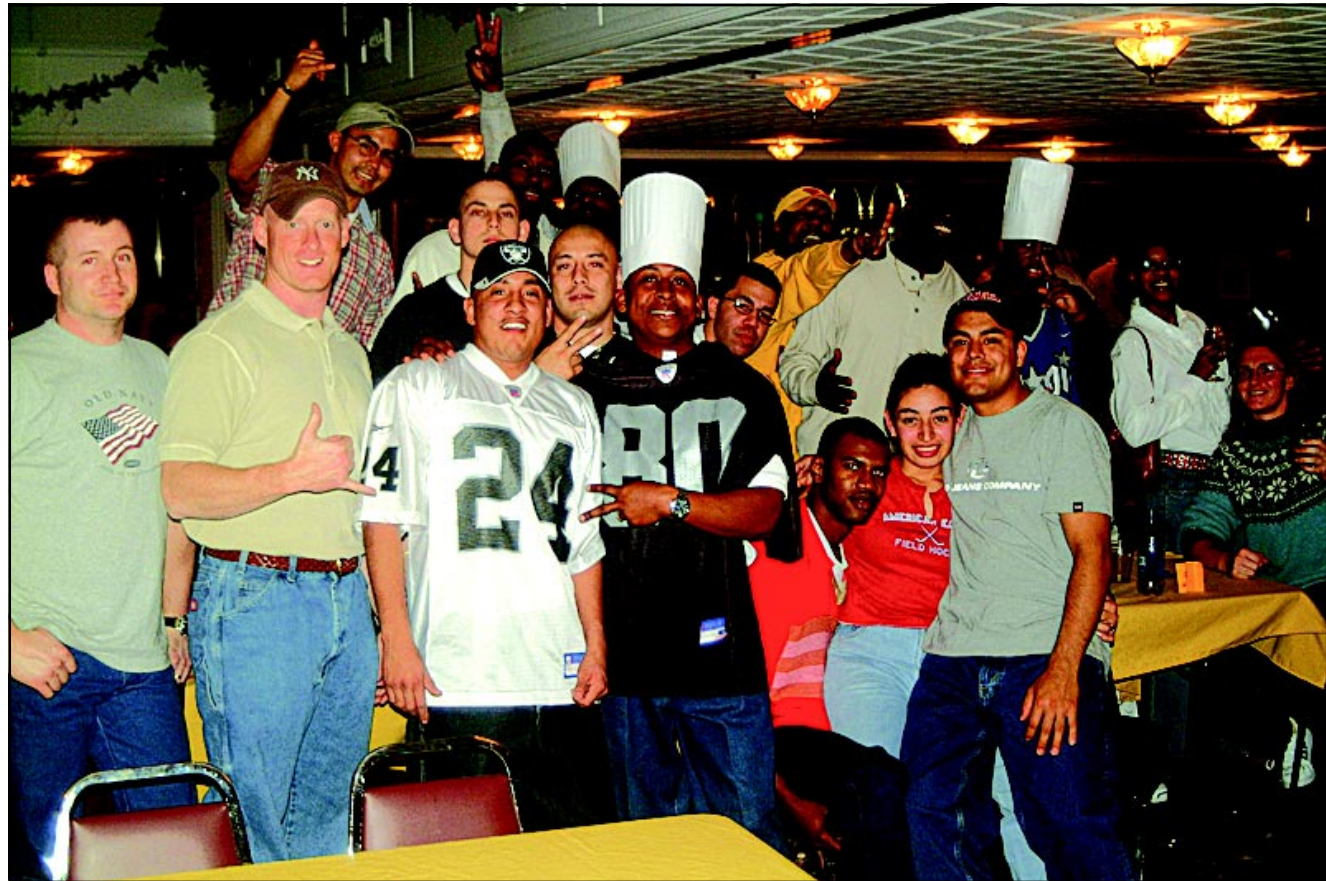


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(Above) Tampa Bay Buccaneer running back Michael Pittman (32) carries the ball as Oakland Raiders' Tory James (20) defends.

(Left) BNCOC class 008-03 students watched the game together.